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be true then art is reserved for a small coterie of specialized minds and has no popular appeal. Many persons with faith in the soundness of the taste of the average man will dispute any such doctrine of exclusiveness.

The City Watches

THE eyes of the city are on Finance Committee of Council. The ordinances which will give metropolitan transit facilities to Philadelphia and stimulate prosperity as it cannot otherwise be stimulated are in its hands.

The Finance Committee is expected to make a report, a favorable report, tomorrow. Men expert in the intricacies of municipal politics openly aver, nevertheless, that there will be no report.

To be for a March election is to be for transit; not to be for a March election is to be against transit. That is the test by which Finance Committee and Council as a whole shall be judged.

Hog Wild for Common Sense

TEXAS elected a man by the name of Ferguson to be Governor. Texas got something worth while. At least a brave beginning points that way.

"The Government can do much to protect property, but only the individual can produce property." "You, as a Legislature, can regulate many things, but you cannot produce wealth by statute."

Too Rotten to Stand Calm

WHEN the ship purchase scheme ran into a little honest argument it reeled and slithered in the manner of a 2000-ton freighter up against a mile-long iceberg.

The Bell Will Stay Here

LEADERS in Councils have decided that it would be "bad politics" to send a junketing committee of Councilmen to San Francisco to escort the Liberty Bell to the Panama-Pacific fair and to stand guard over it after it got there.

Putting Art to the Test

THESE are poets' poets and painters' painters, just as there are men's men and women's women. But it is notorious that a man's man is seldom popular with the women, and that a poet's poet is read only by the small and select company who take the making of verse as one of the most serious occupations of life.

CAMPAIGNS IN FRENCH FOR SEAT IN CONGRESS

"Bob" Broussard, of Louisiana, One of 435 Representatives of 435 Types of Americanism—Washington Is Making a "Book" on Presidential Possibilities.

By EDWARD W. TOWNSEND

A COUPLE of years ago or so the French Chamber of Deputies adopted a resolution of appreciation for something our Congress had done, and a copy of the resolution was forwarded to Speaker Clark.

One morning, after the chaplain had prayed for us, the Speaker called to the desk Mr. Fujo, then a member from Louisiana, and asked him to read the paper to the House. Mr. Fujo promptly read the paper in French and then read it into English, to the evident surprise of many who heard him.

"Bob" Broussard goes to the Senate next March after having served in the House 18 years. He was elected to the House eight times without opposition for this reason: His district has several parishes in which French is the language of ordinary intercourse and English is understood very little.

Always for "Cousin Bob"

There is a story of a spellbinder who spoke no French going into Broussard's district campaigning for a Democratic nominee for Governor. He felt he was making no headway, so sought a straight tip from an individual he picked in his audience as seeming to have some intelligence.

The creole took this as pleasant, even if irrelevant, news, but responded, "Well, me boy, to mak' sure always vote for Cousin Bob, an' way; might mak' mistak' if not."

General Estopinal, of Louisiana, is now the only man in the House who held a general's commission in the Confederate army, and like General Sherwood, of Ohio, the only Union soldier who held a like commission, is almost a phenomenon physically.

No Autos for General Sherwood

But, then, General Estopinal is only 70, while General Sherwood is 80 years old. The Ohio veteran preserves his military carriage, but he does not walk much, devoting most of his leisure to driving. None of your gasoline contraptions for that Ohio youngster, who was in 42 battles, who was made brevet brigadier general by President Lincoln.

What Makes the House Interesting

That is what makes the membership of the House intensely interesting to one who cares for the study of types. You may approve or disapprove of individuals, but their study is none the less interesting or instructive.

Wisdom From a Waiter

"Until a man forgets where he came from and remembers where he is, he is not all an American."

A Chance for an Author

Old-time members and correspondents have been keeping tab on the Senate deadlock. There were conjectures, even hits, based on the probability of any member of the Senate equaling the long-distance speech made when Arthur Poe Gorman, of Maryland, led the famous filibuster against the so-called force bill.

A City of Seventy Languages

"Tibia, which the Czar has been visiting, and termed 'a pearl of the Russian crown,' was described by James Bryce some 20 years since as 'a human jangling pot, a city of contrasts and mixtures, into which elements have been poured from half Europe and Asia, and in which they are not doing so much as combining.'"

FINANCE COMMITTEE



BEES OF THE NIGHT THAT BUZZ AND KILL

Life in the Trenches Described by a Teacher Who Turned Soldier—Strenuous, Strange Existence in the World of War.

"WE ARE like the beasts of the forest— prowling by night in search of food, crouching by day in terror of bullets, sleepless day and night in the rain-soaked mud of the freezing trenches."

"We live here apart from the civil and civilized world, in a military and subterranean waste, and we are so happy to receive news from your world, from Williams, which survives in such contrast to our trenches."

When the Moon Comes Out

"The life that I lead is hard, very hard, but I find within myself latent reserves of stolidism and healthy vigor, the existence of which I had not even suspected. I have been at the front since the 15th of October. First we were set to digging trenches for our comrades, later we occupied trenches made by others."

Like Beasts of the Forest

"Since then we have moved and we are now not far from Verdun. We pass successively a period of four days in the trenches and four days in a village somewhat in the rear, yet not beyond the range of the German shells."

THEOCRITUS

Ay! Unto thee belong The pipe and song Theocritus— Loved by the satyr and the faun! To thee the olive and the vine, To thee the Mediterranean pine, And the soft lapping sea!

Facts About Servia

From the New Orleans States. Servia acquired as the result of the Balkan war territory to the extent of 14,683 square miles, with a population of 1,461,614.

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Soft dying of the year with many a sigh These, all, to us are given! And eyes that eager ventures shall search The hidden seed, and searching find again Unfading blossoms of a faded spring! These, these, to us! The sacred youth and maid, Coy and half afraid!

THEOCRITUS

The sorrowful earthly pall, Winter and wintry rain, And autumn's gathered grate, With whispering mist to their will! These, these, to us! To thee, Theocritus, To thee, The mortal childhood of the world, The laughing waters of an island sea, And laughing signs of a past and present!

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